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In Step time changing

Starting this week, the Sunday morning broadcast of In Step on WIBW Ch. 13 (Topeka) is moving to 7a.m.



Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy (left), accepts command of 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, from Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, commanding general, First United States Army, during an Assumption Ceremony yesterday at Cavalry Parade Field. Hardy came to Fort Riley from Washington D.C. where he was the Director of Force Management in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3.

## Troops learn Iraq policing not easy

By Tim Potter  
and Dion Nissenbaum  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In a non-descript building scarred by looters, a U.S. Army battalion has become the keeper of law and order for a sector of north-central Baghdad that is home to about 3 million Shiite Muslims.

The Americans have help — maybe — from 45 local Iraqi police who returned to work last weekend. But the local police must live down their reputations with local residents — and their U.S. military supervisors — as former henchmen of Saddam Hussein.

Lt. Col. J.R. Sanderson with 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, from Fort Benning, Ga., calls the local cops "the most distrusted people in Baghdad."

In a briefing this week, Sanderson told commanders with 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, the Fort Riley tank battalion that is relieving Sanderson's unit, "Trying to build back a sense of trust in police will be your hardest mission."

Until then, there is still a lot of real policing to do. Sporadic looting, black-market merchants and automatic-weapons fire continue to make Baghdad anything but peaceful. And then there's the

nation-wide problem of policing the Iraqi police.

Last weekend in Al Hillah, U.S. Marines shot and killed an off-duty officer who, along with another off-duty cop, was apparently trying to carjack a vehicle. In Al Kut, south of Baghdad, recently returned Iraqi police officers are stealing back their stolen patrol cars.

Marines in Al Kut have had trouble getting the police force off the ground. First, the main station was looted and burned. Then a local leader trying to assert power threatened officers who signed up for work. Now that he's gone, the force is slowly growing.

Marine Reserve Maj. Trevor Devine, a DEA agent back home, approved the police cruiser repo action. He also allows local officers to carry AK-47s.

"We're rolling the dice a lot, and we know the risks of arming the police," Devine said. "But it's a dangerous game, and none of us are ignorant of that fact."

Sanderson has one of his captains, 30-year-old Andy MacLean, overseeing the Baghdad sector's police station. It makes MacLean, an artillery officer, essentially the police commissioner.

The police chief and enforcer on the streets is Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Dale.

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## Citizen soldiers leave behind jobs, school to serve country

By Jamie Bender  
Staff writer

As America's citizen soldiers are activated, they leave behind civilian life and take up the Military Occupational Specialties that they do for the Army full time.

While reservists and National Guardsmen are on active duty they must deal with separation from their civilian employment.

Staff Sgt. Kurt Hoehn, laundry and field service specialist with the recently demobilized 1008th Quartermaster Company, is a corrections officer for the state

of Illinois. He has been in the reserves for 15 years after spending three years in active duty at Fort Riley.

His civilian job has been cooperative, he said.

"I have had no problems whatsoever. I will go back to my job with my accrued benefits," said Hoehn.

Pfc. Stephanie Gore, laundry and field services specialist, 1008th Quartermaster Co., a full time college student and waitress who has been a reservist for almost two years, has gone home to a supportive employer.

"Being activated hasn't affected my life too badly," she said before departing Fort Riley for home. "I just won't be able

to finish school until I get back. My boss has guaranteed me my job when I come back. My biggest concern is making sure my bills get paid while I'm gone, but my parents are taking care of a lot of that for me."

For many college students, activation has put a hold on continuing education. Spc. Kenneth Papenhagen, 234th Signal Battalion, was an auto worker and a student at graduate school.

"As soon as we got our first warning order, I [discontinued] and just put it off for a while. I will go back eventually," said Papenhagen. "I have no major yet, but I want to be a college professor someday and teach communications."

For Sgt. Kevin Ordway, 234th Signal Battalion, an electrical engineering student at Western Michigan University, being activated will give him another chance to improve his grades.

"I was a student at Western Michigan University," said Ordway. "We got activated a week before exams, but we got the alert about a month before that. I knew we could get a 100 percent refund for being activated. I will have to take all the classes all over again, but one of them I wasn't doing so great in so I will get a second chance for that."

For some civilian jobs, activation of one can mean an increased workload for others.

Col. William Kumpke, Staff Judge Advocate for 6025th Garrison Support Unit, is normally a judge for administrative projects for the Social Security Administration.

"I get assigned so many cases to hear each month from the Administration," said Kumpke. "I believe at least twice they have brought judges in from Omaha, because by me being gone, it has resulted in more of a back log of the cases in the St. Louis, Mo., area. Because of hiring freezes, they are unable to hire any more judges."

In addition to being a judge, Kumpke

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## Forward support soldiers practice medical evacuations



Sgt. 1st Class Christian Andrews and Capt. Richard Bett, 101st Forward Support Battalion, work on a soldier with a simulated injury sustained a vehicle accident.

By Ryan D. Wood  
Staff Writer

Battling wind, rain, hail and even tornado warnings, members of the 101st Forward Support Battalion carried out a three-day training mission ending on May 8.

This mission was somewhat new for the 101st FSB. As part of enhanced security measures, the unit not only had to provide security while on the road into the site, they also had to pull security while in the field. In a standard set up, the FSB would be on the interior of several rings of security, said Capt. Steve Hofer, commander, Company C, 101st FSB's medical company.

"We really spent a lot of time focusing on defending our perimeter. There was a lot of news coverage on service support units like ours having to spend a lot of time defending their area," said Hofer. "By the book, we would have a lot of other units around, but we may have to be by ourselves. Our skills have to be as sharp — when it comes to unit defense as they do at providing medical care."

"We designed a three-day FTX for the company to achieve training

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## Reservists bid farewell to active duty

By Michael Watson  
Staff writer

Fort Riley thanked two units on May 8, for their time served before and during Operation Iraqi Freedom. These were the first Reserve units to demobilize and return home from Fort Riley.

The 388th Medical Logistics Battalion, Detachment 4 and the 1008th Quartermaster Company were called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and they returned home last week - one unit to Illinois, and the other right here in Kansas.

At the beginning of the demobilization ceremony, the soldiers saluted the American flag as it was lowered during the evening retreat.

"We have gathered on the Custer Hill Parade Field today in the winds of Kansas for two very special purposes - for retreat, and to say thank you to two great units," said Col. Thomas Luebker, assistant division commander. "The 388th Medical Logistics Battalion has been away from Hays, Kan., for a long time, and the 1008th Quartermaster has been at Fort Riley from Wood River, Ill., for several months, training to deploy."

"When you look at that flag, what a beautiful sight it is, especially when it blows against the Kansas winds," Luebker said. "That flag is what we are all about - it is a symbol of freedom."

"Without that flag we would be just another communist nation. But let me tell you, the American way of life is a good thing, and it will live forever thanks to great people like you."

The 388th Medical Logistics Battalion provided medical support to 137 different units in the Central Command area of responsibility and completed Temporary Duty missions in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Djibouti, Kuwait, Oman, Seeb, Yemen,

Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Diego Garcia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Staff Sgt. Andrea Bontrager, 388th Med. Log Bn., said the days were long, and there were not

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Col. Thomas G. Luebker, assistant division commander (Support), 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, shakes hands with Capt. Jeffrey Hafner, commander, 388th Medical Logistics Battalion during a demobilization ceremony.



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# Garrison Command Sergeant Major leaving for new position

By Michael Watson  
Staff writer

In the last 16 months, Fort Riley's Garrison Command Sergeant Major has seen the installation evolve from the Home of America's Army to a premier power projection platform. Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Fyffe said he has been happy to be part of that transition, but now he is leaving for another position as command sergeant major for the entire southwest region of the United States with the Installation Management Agency.

At Fort Riley, Fyffe was always receptive to the installation's need for support and information. He supported soldiers and civilians with whatever services the garrison is able to provide. His new job is a step up from that. "In my new position, what I will be doing is mentoring and training garrison command sergeants, providing feedback to the regional commander and IMA on policies, regulations and what the needs of the force are from the garrison viewpoint," he said. "Basically, I will be finding the pulse of the 22 installations,

depots and ammunition plants in the southeast area, and will be a voice to the commander for the soldiers' and spouses' requirements and needs," he said. Fyffe said his training at Fort Riley has more than prepared him for the increased responsibilities. "My thanks go out to the people I work with - Helen Gough, Col. (Philip) Pope, Col. (John) Simpson and Command Sgt. Maj. (Richard) Hearron," he said. "I would also like to thank the people who trained me - the Department of the Army civilians and military personnel within the Garrison's directorates. Each one

taught me something about how the garrison works with the people." In his 28-year career, Fyffe said Fort Riley has the best civilian workforce that he has ever worked with. He said he has worked with a lot of civilians, and "No" is not in their vocabulary. Fyffe said he would be using the skills Fort Riley has taught him to form his new position. Very seldom do people get the chance to write their own job description, but Fyffe said that is what he will be doing with IMA. "In doing so, I will hopefully be able to make sure all command

sergeant majors who follow me serve the Army and its people properly," he said. Fyffe will change responsibility today to Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble at 9 a.m. on Cavalry Parade Field. Fyffe said he is excited about his new position, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and he knows that Fort Riley is in good hands.

"Its leaders have great vision in becoming America's premier power projection platform, and Fort Riley has a special relationship with the community that needs to continue. "It's been a great time for me at this installation, and neither myself nor my family will ever forget Fort Riley."

## New compensation to go to combat veterans

By Doug Sample  
American Force Press

WASHINGTON, May 9, 2003 - A provision included in the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act will compensate an estimated 35,000 retired veterans for disabilities resulting from combat injuries, wounds and diseases. For what DoD is calling combat-related special compensation, the payments are tax-free and could range from \$105 up to \$2,100 or more each month, said Navy Capt. Chris Kopang, DoD's director of military compensation. The new provision also covers veterans whose disabilities resulted from actions such as live-fire training exercises, tactical exercises and airborne operations, he added. "Combat related" includes if they were training for combat, if the disability was a result from an instrumentality of war, or a result of hazardous duty they were performing," he explained. "However, this does not only apply to injuries, but also to disease." Kopang said the Defense Department, which is solely responsible for determining eligibility for compensation, expects

the application form to be available by the end of May on the Defense Manpower Data Center Web site at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/>. He said he expects to begin receiving applications from eligible veterans as early as June. Veterans eligible for the special compensation must have completed at least 20 years of service and have a qualifying combat-related disability as determined by their military department. They must also be currently receiving 60 percent or higher disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, he pointed out.

Kopang said that veterans determined to be ineligible will have an appeal process through the secretary of defense. Although not every disabled veteran will be eligible for this special compensation, Kopang said the measure is a relief for those who can qualify and who have had their retirement incomes reduced because of disability pay. Current law prohibits payment of both disability and retired pay, often referred to as concurrent receipt. "I know it's been frustrating for a lot of retirees who have given up their retired pay to get disability

compensation and who say 'I'm only disabled because of service I provided to my country,'" Kopang said. "This is a good news story for them, because it reflects the fact that their service was valuable and they should be compensated accordingly," he added. Kopang said that each of the military services will have designated offices and personnel to help veterans through the application process and to help them review eligibility requirements and choose which compensation program is most beneficial.

Grunt By Wayne Ulden



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Albi Hartman, Emergency Medical Technician, assesses multiple trauma victims during a Mass Casualty exercise at Camp Funston Tuesday. The exercise was conducted by U.S. Army Medical Activity and several other military units and civilian agencies participated.

## News from 3rd Brigade

### May 6

It's hard enough when one member of a military family deploys, but things get a little more complicated when more than one set of orders is handed to one family. That's the case with Capt. Kayla Slusher with the S2 of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armor Division, and her husband, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Slusher, a Medivac pilot with 82nd Medical Company, air ambulance. Slusher said she found out about her husband's deployment to Kuwait while she was still at the National Training Center back in January. It wasn't long afterward that she received her own deployment orders for Southwest Asia.

While no provisions for childcare were needed, there was the issue of care for several pets, including three horses. All are now in good hands. The Slushers have seen each other only once, for a couple of hours, since they have been in Southwest Asia. Other than that, there has only been the occasional phone call to keep in touch. The Slushers aren't unique though, there are at least three other married couples currently deployed within 3rd Brigade.

### May 8

Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, are busy off-loading her vehicles in the port at Kuwait City, another sign that it won't be long before the Bulldog Brigade leaves Camp Pennsylvania and moves north to assume their mission

in Iraq. Teams of drivers are busy organizing the assortment of trucks, tracked vehicles and HIMMWs as they come off the ship, fixing any problems they may find, and finally conveying them back to Camp Pennsylvania. The operation runs around the clock to ensure the vehicles are off-loaded and linked up with their units in the shortest time possible. Once the ship is emptied and the vehicles are at Camp Pennsylvania, 3rd Bde. will load their equipment and move north into Iraq.

### May 12

As another sign that 1st Armored Division is ready to take over from the 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad, members of the Bulldog Brigade, 125th Forward Support Battalion, took a recon flight to Baghdad to survey the route that the 3rd Brigade and the rest of the division will take when they move into Iraq. Flights such as this give commanders a clearer picture of the route and any obstacles that they might incur along the way. Once on the ground in Baghdad, Lt. Col. Harold Marti, commander, 125th FSB, and his staff inspected their soon to be headquarters, a former Iraqi armored car factory, along with the route his trucks will take to re-supply the brigade. In addition to the FSB's recon flight, an advanced party from the third brigade is already working with the 3rd ID to make the changeover as smooth as possible.

## Talk Around Town

**"What is your favorite historic site on Fort Riley?"**



*"The Custer House interests me the most due to the Indian Wars and Civil War. Also, the Territorial Capital."*

Paul Stueve  
Topeka, Kan.



*"I would have to say the 1st Territorial Capital Museum. I like the turn of the century stuff and all the memorabilia."*

Christie Walsh  
Wamego, Kan.



*"Marshall Field is very neat and well kept. It looks very professional."*

Bob Sturges  
Lincoln, Neb.

## Programs available for home watching

### PMO Release

There are two types of home watching programs on Fort Riley: the Military Police program and the Housing office program. The Military Police House Watch Program is an additional physical security measure incorporated in the Fort Riley Provost Marshal Office to help keep the community safe and crime free.

The Fort Riley Military Police offer a voluntary home security program for residents of Fort Riley who will be away from their

on-post quarters. Residents are asked to provide basic information, such as lights left on, location of keys and date of return. Military Police patrols will conduct daily after-hours physical checks of the quarters as a crime prevention effort.

Residents can sign up for House Watch when they go on leave or for other periods when their quarters will be vacant. The form is on the Fort Riley website and can be brought to the Military Police Desk (building 221, Custer Ave.).

The Housing office House-watch program addresses maintenance requirements for government housing on Fort Riley while residents are away. This program requires that keys be given to a trusted person who will be responsible for lawn care, mail and any other maintenance issues which may arise during a resident's absence.

Any soldier or family member who is planning to be away from quarters for an extended period of time needs to coordinate directly with the Housing office.



## Briefs

### Change of Responsibility

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth C. Fyffe, garrison command sergeant major, Fort Riley, will change responsibility tomorrow to Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble.

The ceremony is at 9 a.m. on Cavalry Parade Field and will be followed by a reception. During his time at Fort Riley, Noble has served as the command sergeant major of the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor and the Task Force Centurion command sergeant major during Intrinsic Action 01-03.

In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Hangar 817, Marshall Army Air Field.

### Conference for Spouses

The Command Chaplain's Office is sponsoring a one-day retreat for families of deployed soldiers. The retreat will be held May 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Morris Hill Chapel.

Barbara Bartocci, an inspirational speaker and author, will lead the conference, titled "Finding strength for difficult and unexpected times." The retreat will focus on helping spouses to find the strength to handle whatever may come into their lives.

The conference is free and childcare and lunch will be provided. Participants must pre-register by May 19. Contact Don

Ericson at 239-0979 or don.ericson@riley.army.mil for more information.

### Country Stampede Volunteers Needed

The Country Stampede is coming to Manhattan once again this June. The country music festival is a full weekend event featuring artists like Hank Williams, Jr., Kenny Chesney, Deanna Carter and many others. The event is being held at Tuttle Creek State Park June 25 and 28.

Volunteers are needed to work at the event. The Stampede volunteer staff is required to work five to six hour days, June 26-28.

Volunteers will receive free admission for all four days of the festival, seating alongside the VIP area, a T-shirt and three meals per day, said Mick McCallister, the point of contact for the volunteers.

In past years, McCallister said about 50 percent of volunteers were soldiers and their spouses. This year he said he is opening up more positions for military spouses.

"That's the least we can do for the sacrifices they must endure," said McCallister. For more information or to volunteer, contact M c C a l l i s t e r, mccallim@flnthills.com or 762-6615.

### Special Forces

A Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley June 2 - 5.

Briefings will be held at the Post-Reup building (7626) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. on June 3 and 4. A PT test will be conducted on June 3 and 4, 8 a.m., at Long track. Candidates will need to wear BDU's and running shoes. For more information, call (719) 661-1492.

### Insecticide Spraying

During May, a contractor will be spraying certain trees and shrubs with EPA registered insecticides and fungicides for insect and disease prevention and control. The schedule is: Custer Hill Family and Troop Housing, tomorrow - Thursday and Whiteside and Camp Funston, May 23 - 31. For more information, call 239-8402 or 239-2644.

### CYS Openings

The Fort Riley CYS Child Development Center has openings for the Full Day Program for children ages 12-18 months and 16-24 months. Contact Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry, 239-4847, for more information.

### Garrison Commander's Address

The Garrison Commander will address the civilian workforce June 10 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Barlow Theater. Bus pick up points are: Division Headquarters,

Building 500; Irwin Army Community Hospital, Main Entrance; DOL, building 8100; Public Works, building 330; Soldier Family Support Center, building 7264 and DES, building 407. Buses depart at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m.

### Track Meet

The 2003 Fort Riley Battalion Level Track and Field meet will be conducted June 3, 7:30 a.m., at the track behind Long Fitness Center. Individuals may enter as many events as they desire. Battalions may enter only one team per relay event. All registration for the track and field meet will take place at the event site, 45 minutes prior to the start of each event. However, anyone interested in participating needs to contact Barry Sunstrom at the sports office, 239-3945, no later than May 23.

### Battalion Level Tennis Program

The 2003 Fort Riley Battalion Level Tennis Program will be June 23 - 27. Each battalion commander may enter a men's team, consisting of six singles players, and one doubles team. Each battalion commander may enter a women's team, consisting of four single players, and one doubles team. A roster of battalion team members should be sent to the Sports Office on a roster form signed by the battalion commander no later than close of business June 10. For more information, contact Barry Sunstrom, 239-3945.

### Organization Day

Public Works will hold their annual Organization Day with a picnic and award ceremony for employees and their families on June 13. Minimal staffing will be maintained from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. so that critical functions remain operational.

### Breastfeeding Classes Change

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free classes on breastfeeding babies on the third Wednesday of each month. A dietician will address the nutritional requirements for breastfeeding moms and a lactation educator will talk about the advantages of breastfeeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Maj. Susanna Itara, 239-7434.

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

The Memorial day Holiday will require a change in the Refuse schedule. The Refuse Collection will change as follows:

May 26 - No Collections; May 27 - Colyer Manor, Main Post Housing and Marshall Air Field Housing; May 28 - Ellis Heights, Monteth Heights, Peterson Heights and O'Donnell Heights; May 29 - Burnside Heights and Warner Heights and May 30 - South Peterson, South Warner, McClellan Heights and Meade Heights.

### Christian Musicians Needed

Due to deployments, the Contemporary Protestant service is looking for a Christian bass player and back-up drummer for their praise band. Service meets Sundays at 11 a.m. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. If interested, call Ch. John Paulson, 239-3436.

### Correction

On page 2, of last week's Fort Riley Post, one of the women in the photograph of the Yellow Ribbon Ceremony was misidentified. Ilona Gold and Tina Hildenbrand tied the ribbon on the tree May 2.

### Letters to the Front

The Fort Riley Public Affairs Office wants to publish your letters in support of troops deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. If you have a message you want to send to the troops, e-mail it to: afznpomr@riley.army.mil Please write "letter" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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## More Briefs

### Security Badges

The old style security badges for access to post headquarters, building 500, will expire June 30. The new PVC badges are now being issued by the Director of Security, top floor, building 509. Military and Department of the Army civilian personnel with a designated need for access to building 500 may obtain their new badge Monday - Friday, 9 - 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Pete Paras, DSEC, 239-3607.

### Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers. Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations (in good condition) from your house.

Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteer opportunities are available at the Thrift Shop. Childcare expenses are reimbursed, as well as first look at new merchandise. Board positions are still open. If interested, contact Scott Martis, 784-2351.

### The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "Farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer!

The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

### Clog Classes

Fort Riley Youth Services will be offering a week of introductory Clog Dancing instruction for children and youth ages 5-15. Instructor will be Shauna Hopp of Manhattan. The cost will be \$25, and classes will meet daily from July 21-25 at the Teen Center. Classes will be approximately 45 minutes each day. There will be three groups of classes; 5-6-year-olds will meet 9 - 9:45 a.m.; 7-9-year-olds 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 10-15-

year-olds will meet 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Enroll at Child and Youth Services, building 6620, May 5-21, 1-5 p.m. Enrollment will remain open as long as there are openings in the classes. Call 239-4847 for more information.

### Tobacco Cessation

Community Health Nursing of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free Tobacco Cessation classes. This is a four-week program, which meets once a week and is run by trained medical professionals. Participants may choose to quit smoking without medication or healthcare providers may prescribe Zyban. Nicotine patches are also offered during the class. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietitian teaches healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Military servicemembers, their families and DoD civilians are eligible to participate. To register, call Community Health Nursing at 239-7323.

### S.C.U.B.A.

The Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure Vacation Bible School will be held June 9 - 13, 9 a.m. - noon, at the Morris Hill Chapel. Teenage and adult volunteers are needed. Please contact your local chapel or Don Ericson, 239-0979, to volunteer. Registration for children will begin in all chapels on April 20.

### Breastfeeding Classes

The Women and Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital offers free classes on Breastfeeding Babies on the third Wednesday of each month. A dietitian will address the nutritional requirements for breastfeeding moms and a Lactation Educator will talk about the advantages of breastfeeding and how to prepare for successful nursing. Breastfeeding techniques, troubleshooting advice and where to find support will also be offered. Classes are held in the Obstetrics classroom on the third floor, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Maj. Susanna Itara, 239-7434.

### Dance Recital

The Fort Riley Youth Services Dance students, under the instruction of Cindy McGeahy, will be presented in a recital at Junction City High School May 21, 6:30 p.m. The theme for the recital is "Movies and More."

### Parenting Class

A six-session class on parenting in the new millennium is being offered for the first three weeks in June at the First Presbyterian Church in Junction City. The class, titled "Becoming a Loving and Logic Parent," is sponsored by School District 475 and "A 21st Century and Community In-Schools Project." The class will focus on learning new ways to make parenting less stressful and more fun. Classes are free, and free childcare and transportation will be provided. The registration deadline is May 30.

To register or for more information, contact Kathy Williams in the Community Connections Office, 238-6184.

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### Change of Command

The 101st Forward Support Battalion will have a Change of Command Ceremony June 10, 9 a.m. at Cavalry Parade Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col.

Mark E. Solseth and the incoming commander is Lt. Col. Jimmie Mister Jr. There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Hangar 817, Marshall Army Air Field.

### Mail Training

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered May 28 and June 4 and

11, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at building 319.

An Official Mail Training class will be offered - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 to enroll.

## Blood donors needed, drive planned

### Red Cross Release

Donating blood is important, especially on a military base because those blood donations could be sent at any time to help troops, said Patsy Ayers, blood bank supervisor at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

"Even though there aren't conflicts being actively publicized in Iraq, there is always potential for injuries and health problems where blood may be needed," Ayers said. "You can't plan on those types of emergencies, so we need to have blood on hand at all times. Because blood expires every 42 days, blood needs to be tested for safety, processed and in place to deal with those emergencies."

Members of the military community who received the smallpox vaccine on or before March 21, and had no complications are now eligible to give blood. Others may still be unable to give blood because of restrictions related to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or vCJD (the human form of Mad Cow Disease). The vCJD restriction applies to those who have lived in the United Kingdom for more than three months and parts of Europe more than six months.

"Members of both the civilian and military community eligible to donate blood are encouraged to donate blood at the upcoming drive May 20 and 21 to support those who cannot give at this time," said Nancy Powell, American Red Cross donor resource development supervisor. "Most medications do not prevent blood donations. Those with any questions about eligibility are encouraged to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE."

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be May 20, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., and May 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at King Field House. Appointments can be made by calling 239-1887 or 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

(1-800-448-3543). Walk-in blood donors are also welcome during the blood drive. Everyone who comes in to donate blood will receive a free T-shirt.

"Blood is critical in all patient care," said Maj. Lori Hull, lab officer, Department of Pathology, IACH. "The military and civilian communities work together through the Red Cross to meet regional blood needs. Without civilian donors, the military would not be able to meet its needs. The blood collected at blood drives at Fort Riley is used in civilian and military hospitals, and it is shipped to wartime storage sites when needed."

During the two-day blood drive, about 150 donors are needed. Employees of Fort Riley who give blood at the blood drive may be excused from duty without charge to leave with advance notification (under Article 21, Other Leave, Section 1).

"Employees released from duty to donate blood will be authorized, not to exceed, a total of four hours of excused absence on the day blood is donated to permit time to travel to and from the blood drive, to donate the blood and for recuperation following donation," according to Article 21. "The employee shall be required to furnish documentation to support the absence."

Donating blood takes about an hour, with the actual donation lasting about seven minutes. Donors should eat and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Blood donors should be at least 17-years-old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health.

"The Red Cross will work tirelessly to ensure lifesaving blood is available whenever and wherever it is requested and needed," Powell said. "However, it is the simple, selfless act you perform by donating your blood that allows blood to be available to our communities and our country whenever and wherever it is needed."

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also stays busy with other projects in his local community.

Kumpe recently received the President's Outstanding Service Award from the president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis for his work educating the community about homeland security.

"For the last two years, I have served as the chairperson of the government and public sector lawyers committee for BAMSLS," said Kumpe.

"As a result of having gone to Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1999, I opened my eyes in issues involving terrorism. I was able to get the local bar association to put on a program called Weapons of Mass Destruction and Appropriate Responses to Terrorism. In 2002, I put on a program about homeland security."

Kumpe has been called to active duty for an initial period of one year to serve at Ft. Riley with the Staff Judge Advocate office.

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## Financial readiness campaign will help soldiers manage money

### DoD Release

The Department of Defense has established the Financial Readiness Campaign to give servicemembers and their families a chance to learn more about personal finances and to encourage them to better manage their money.

The campaign is directed toward junior enlisted servicemembers who are most at risk and spouses of servicemembers who have not received the personal finance information that is part of military training. The financial well-being of the force is a significant readiness issue.

Today's complex financial environment demands wise choices about savings, credit, mortgages, Thrift Savings Program and a host of fact of life issues. To further complicate financial readiness plans, the military lifestyle includes frequent relocations and deployments. Military service must not

inhibit a servicemember's ability to build savings. The DoD has partnered with the public and private sector for answers, and has established memoranda of understanding with several federal agencies and non-profit organizations. These organizations have pledged to support the efforts of personnel at the

installation who are responsible for providing financial education and financial counseling to servicemembers and their families. The Financial Readiness Campaign is expected to continue over several years, with the department refining the approach and the partnerships over time. The overall objective will

remain the same, to increase personal readiness by reducing the stressors related to poor financial habits. This campaign will seek to increase awareness; increase savings and reduce dependence on credit; and increase protection against predatory practices.

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many breaks. So, after all that action, she was happy to be returning home to Arlington, Kan.

When she stepped off the plane and saw her family for the first time, she said she was in a state of shock.

"For the first five minutes, I didn't say a word," Bontrager said. "You didn't have time to talk, because you were too busy being bounced back and forth between family members giving you hugs."

Her detachment has been home since May 2, and the next week was spent doing the processing work to go home.

One hour after the demobilization ceremony, she was scheduled to make the trip home.

After serving her country for 10 months, Bontrager said she is ready to relax before returning to the University of Kansas in the fall, where she will be a senior studying human biology. She was called to active duty right before the fall semester began.

Staff Sgt. Paul Mussman, 388th Med. Log. Bn., said two things were on his mind during his time overseas - family and relaxation.

"A lot of us had our families on our

minds the whole time," he said. "There were deaths in our families, babies being born and weddings that we were missing. So I'm ready to be back with my family. I'm ready to sit down with loved ones and watch TV, and not answer any questions."

There was another reason that Mussman was ready to return home to Alma, Neb., and that was the future Mrs. Mussman.

"We almost had to cancel the wedding, but I'm home now and my fiancé Rebekah and I will be getting married on May 24," he said. "This was planned a

long time ago, before we deployed. So I'm glad to have made it back so that we would not have to reschedule."

Mussman is a graduate of Fort Hays University and now works at CSS Farms in Alma, Neb., as an agronomist.

The 1008th Quartermaster Company was also thanked at the ceremony for training and being ready to deploy. First Lt. Todd Gore used the term "bittersweet" to describe his experience during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We are glad to be going home, but there was still part of us that wanted to go overseas," he said. "But we were ready

and we did everything we were asked to do.

"We were a diverse unit and trained very hard on weapons qualification and combat lifesaver training, and we were ready to go. About a month ago, we were pretty sure we would deploy - they even gave us our deserts and shipped our equipment. Then we didn't go. But it was good training and we gained a lot of experience."

His unit returned to its headquarters in Wood River, Ill., on May 9 for a welcome home from family and friends.

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Paul Wood

Soldiers with the Company C, 101st FSB move a simulated casualty into a waiting ambulance during an ambulance exchange point drill.

ing objectives while we were out," said Hofer. "We really wanted to make sure that we concentrated on our skills as 91 Whiskies, being able to evacuate and treat casualties on and off the battle field."

Along with standard training in Common Task Training and Nuclear Biological and Chemical skills, the unit had to deal with frequent attacks by the opposition forces and a raging weather front. Hail came down at two separate times, once while an attack was in progress.

On the third day of training the company executed a casualty evacuation drill. Due to poor weather, planned air support was unavailable, but the company adapted and moved to ground evacuation drills instead.

A M113 tracked vehicle was

used to simulate a damaged unit in the field. Medics and drivers pulled a wounded soldier from the top hatch of the vehicle and moved him on a stretcher to another M113 that had been adapted as a tracked ambulance. After a short transport, they moved him to a M997 wheeled ambulance for transport back to the company base camp.

The drill was designed to sharpen the soldier's ability to move as a unit and transfer the wounded according to SFC Sammy Harris, platoon sergeant for the ambulance exchange point. Harris said a standard relay can take three or more vehicles to get a soldier to medical help and the process of communication and transfer can be a very difficult procedure.

"The coordination between me

and the units up front is the most difficult part of my job," Harris said.

"Up front we have the battalion aid station, where the battle is going on the whole time that we are evacuating. They don't stop for us to go up and get the patients."

After the "wounded" soldier was moved to the base camp, medics took over, and the ambulances raced back to the front for more casualties. When the ambulance moved through the entrance with the simulated casualty, the camp came alive with all personnel

helping in some way or another.

As the exercise ended, soldiers hurried through the ankle deep mud and quickly tore down the tents and equipment, as Hofer looked over the operation.

"I'm really proud of where this company has come," said Hofer. "In the last year, we've really taken a hard look at our ability to balance between our everyday soldier tasks and our ability to provide medical support to the brigade. I really feel like we are achieving the concept of the ultimate force multiplier for the 1st Brigade."

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Iraqi police who once owed allegiance to Saddam Hussein now defer to MacLean and Dale. "These guys know their way to power is through us," MacLean said.

On a recent patrol, Dale — with his semiautomatic rifle and full combat gear — stepped outside the police station.

"When I go around this corner," he said, "you're going to see 8,000 people scramble like ants."

Indeed, as he and other soldiers sprinted toward a government-owned gas station near the police station, scores of people dropped empty fuel cans and fled. They had intended to fill the cans with gasoline and sell it at greatly inflated prices, Dale said.

The soldiers punctured the abandoned cans with bayonets. "If we're not like that, those people won't listen," said Pvt. Ashley Hargett, a 20-year-old from Hutchinson.

The people with the fuel cans bribe their way to the front of long lines for gasoline, the troops explained, causing cars to back up on the street.

For running off the can merchants, the Americans earned thumbs-up signs from motorists delayed for up to two hours.

Dale and about five other soldiers headed on into a crowded market area. They passed vendors

selling everything from spices to apples to bras on streets reeking of sewage and garbage.

Just as the patrol stepped into a busy intersection, the soldiers spotted a man sprawled on his back, covered in blood. His neck had a gaping wound. His chest convulsed.

As the soldiers yelled, "Back off!" to the growing crowd, Master Sgt. Wayne Blunden, with 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, tied a combat field dressing around the man's wound.

A car stopped. Bystanders lifted the man onto the hood of the car, and it pulled away.

People in the crowd told the soldiers that the man was a criminal who tried to kill himself before people seeking revenge could kill him. Some of the soldiers doubted the story.

A man threw a bucket of water onto the blood staining the street. But no police came to investigate, and the soldiers weren't trained for the job.

As Sanderson put it, "Winning

the peace is much harder than winning the war."

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## Korea 50 years ago -- Allied bombers take out more river dams

By Jim Caldwell  
Army News Service

With both sides stuck on the finer points of a prisoner-of-war repatriation plan, the Reds stepped up attacks in the air and on the ground with no measurable success, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

May 15, 1953 — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru tells the Indian parliament he prefers the communists' plan for dealing with POWs held by the U.N., including those who do not want to be repatriated, over the United Nations plan. He says he has gotten responses from Asian and European U.N. countries and they pre-

fer the communist plan.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill also praised the Chinese plan.

The State Department announces the United States intends to seek an "honorable armistice" that would not force any prisoners of war to be handed back to the communists or be held in "indefinite custody" by a neutral commission. The statement is seen as an answer to Nehru and Churchill.

Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator Alexander Wiley, R-Wis., says Nehru's preference for the Chinese truce plan is "naïveté." Senator William Knowland, R-Calif., says Nehru's statement "confirms

what I have said before — India votes most of the time with the communists."

Senator Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, says Nehru "seems to fail to understand the situation."

Senator Ralph E. Flanders, R-Vermont, says the Red's "persuasion" talks with U.N. POWs who don't want to go home will only allow the communists to administer "three months

of unmolested brainwashing."

At Panmunjom, Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U.N. negotiator, suggests a three-day recess in talks and the Reds quickly agree.

May 15-16 — Fifth Air Force rushes to duplicate the success its pilots had in blowing up the big dam on the Takson River.

May 13. At night May 15-16, fighter-bombers hit a dam at Chosan, north of Pyongyang. The resulting flood cuts a railroad line and washes away three rail

bridges.

May 15-20 — In ground fighting, Chinese forces attack U.N. outposts along the western front May 15-20. Although they are hard-hitting assaults, allied troops maintain their positions.

Allied fighter pilots have plenty of enemy planes to engage this week as MiGs swarm into North Korea from Manchuria. Through six days of dog fighting ending May 19, allied pilots engage 800-900 MiG 15s — shooting 36 of them down. There's no report of any allied losses.

May 18 — F-86 pilot Capt. Joseph McConnell Jr., Apple Valley, Calif., shoots down his 16th MiG to become the new leading jet ace. The Air Force takes him

out of combat.

May 19 — The communist negotiating team asks Harrison to extend the recess through May 25. That's fine with Harrison, because it will give the political and military leaders back home more time to work on the United States' final plan to be delivered to the enemy negotiators.

May 21 — B-29 crews attack a dam at Kuwonga, also north of Pyongyang. Just as they release their bombs, the communists open floodgates to drop the water level to minimize the water pressure against the dam.

Fort Riley continues to be a Korean War Commemorative Community through 2003.



## Engineers go to field in preparation for NTC rotation later this year

By William Biles  
Staff Writer

Combat Engineers from the 1st Engineer Battalion are in the field

refreshing their skills in preparation for a deployment to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. slated for later this year. The engineers have been in the field since May 5, and will

remain there training until Wednesday.

The training is for the engineers to become certified.

"This train-up is our certification program that we use to allow

us to be able to fire during the live portion of the NTC rotation," said Maj. Darryl McDowell, S3, 1st Eng. Bn.

The soldiers mission for the May 7 training was to qualify on the M2 .50-caliber Browning machine gun, their Squad Automatic Weapon, M249 light machine gun and the M240 7.62 mm machine gun.

"The soldiers are here to certify as crews on their crew serve weapons, in addition to building confidence on their individual weapons by engaging targets down range," said Command Sgt. Maj. Irving R. Bush, 1st Eng. Bn.

"Today's firing will be a concentration of simultaneous live fires down range during the day and we'll be performing a live night fire exercise as well," he said.

There are several important areas for the soldiers to be training in prior to their NTC rotation.

"This is very important for the soldiers," said Bush. "First, because they just got off of access control and we need to instill that confidence back in them. And, this range training affords us the opportunity to do so before we get into the live fire portion of our deployment. We need them to have that confidence for command and control purposes."

The training wasn't just for the

seasoned soldiers who had recently been relieved of their access control task.

"Some of the soldiers are brand new to the unit, and this training will be very helpful for them to get familiar with weapons they haven't had the chance to use yet. It will also let them see what tasks they will see if we are in combat," said Staff Sgt. Les Coleman, squad leader, Company C, 1st Eng. Bn.

The soldiers gaining confidence in their weapons has a benefit for the unit as well.

"The unit is benefiting because that confidence they're gaining is better preparing us to go to war if we are called to do so. That is what we get paid to do, train to go to war," Coleman said.

There is also a benefit to firing live rounds as opposed to simulations or dry firing.

The soldiers will also gain more confidence firing live rounds because they will be able to see when the target falls after they have engaged it, Coleman said.

It also helps leaders gauge the capabilities of their soldiers.

"This will let me know what level my squad is on, and what I will need, as a leader, to train them on in the future to be able to bring them up to the standard they need to be at," Coleman said.

To bring the soldiers up to the

marksmanship standard, they are retrained in its fundamentals.

The soldiers gained a new respect for the weapons they fired.

"The .50-cal. is the best weapon in the Army," said Spc. Heath Chischilly, combat engineer, Company C, 1st Eng. Bn. "It's the oldest machine gun in the Army, probably because it's easy to operate, easy to maintain, easy to clean and it's very accurate, so you can destroy some (stuff) with it."

Whether they were there for familiarization, a refresher or to gauge the effectiveness of their combat readiness, every one had a reason to be there.

Bush even had his own agenda for being in the field with the soldiers.

"I'm out here to make sure they are well trained, well fed and that the morale is kept up, as well as making sure the weapons systems are maintained so we don't have any problems when they get to the firing line. We're out here to train hard, and I'm out here to make sure the soldiers are taken care of," said Bush.

"I definitely have to be on site," he said. "The soldiers need to see me out here, and it's very important that I am here, because we are always talking about leading from the front, leading by example."



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Spc. Jeremy Lynn, combat engineer, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, watches as his fellow squad member, Spc. Heath Chischilly, combat engineer, makes adjustments to a Thermal Vision Scope mounted atop an M2 .50-caliber Browning machine gun.

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